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INCREASE IN LEVEL OF FOOD PROCESSING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to increase the level of food processing from the current 2 percent to 10 percent by the end of the decade;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent of investment needed for the purpose; and

(d) the extent to which job opportunities are likely to be created as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH)

(a) to (d): Department of Food Processing Industries has initiatedaction for formulating a National Food Processing Policy and for this purpose a draft Policy has been prepared. It is envisaged that for increasing food processing from 2% to 10% an investment of Rs. 1,40,000 crores would be needed. It is estimated that investment of Rs. 1000 crores in food processing sector results in total employment generation to the tune of roughly 54000.